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To: Assistant Director
The Central Intelligence Agency
Office of Reports and Estimates

From: The Department of State
Office of Intelligence Research

Subject: Request for National Intelligence Estimate on Soviet
Military Activity in China

The Acting Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs has asked me to transmit to you as a matter of urgency a request for a national intelligence estimate which will provide answers to the following questions:

1. What reports have been received in recent months of military activity in China on the part of Soviet officers or civilian technicians?
2. What credibility should be assigned to those reports?
3. On the basis of the probable nature and extent of Soviet military activity in China, what deductions may be drawn as to short-term military developments in this area viewed in the light of the general political, economic, and military situation?

In view of the current importance of these questions, we will greatly appreciate receiving your preliminary estimate before March 27, 1950, and, as soon thereafter as is convenient, a final estimate which has been formally coordinated with the other intelligence agencies.

/s/ ALLAN EVANS
Allan Evans
Director
Office of Intelligence Research

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